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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF HIGH-SPEED TRANSMISSION AND  
APPROPRIATE TRANSMISSION APPARATUS  
being a Continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP98/04782, filed  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the  
Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and cited  
in the international search report. Copies of the listed documents are attached.  
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed  
on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an  
appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-  
referenced application.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-  
English language:

1. WO 96/16345 - The relevance of this document is discussed at  
page 2 of the specification of the present application. Also, an English-language  
abstract of the document setting forth the relevance is enclosed.

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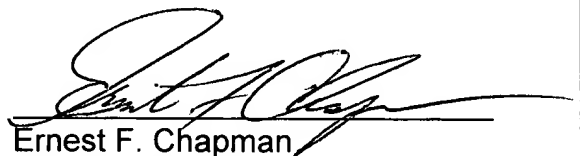
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